#### Poetry.

#### THE ENOCH OF CALAVERAS.

BY BRET RARTE.

"Well, dog my cate! Say, strang You must have traveled far! Just flood my lower level Don't tell me! In this weather! You hoofed it all the way? Well, slice my liver lengthwise! Why, stranger, what's to pay?

"Huntin' yer wife, you tell me, Well, now dog gone my skin! She thought you dead and buried And then bestowed her fin Upon another fellow!

Just put it here, old pard! Some fallows atribe the soft thing But you have bit it hard.

"I'm right into your feelin's;

I know how it, would be If my own shrub slopped ever And got away from me. Say, stranger, that old sage her That's cookin' thar inside Is warranted the finest wool, And just a square yard wide

"I wouldn't hurt yer, pard, But I tell you no man Was ever blessed as I am With that old pelican. It's goin' on some two year Since she was j'ined to me; She was a widder prior, Her name was Sophy Lee-

"Good God! Old man, what's happened? Her? She? Is that the one? That's her? Your wife, you tell me? Now reach down for your gun, I never injured no man, And no man me, but squealed, And any one who takes her Must do it-well heeled?

"Listen? Surely. Certainly I'll let you look at her . Peep through the door, she's in thar. Is that your Furnitur'? Speak, man! Quick! You're mistaken! No! Yours! You recognize My wife, your wife, the same one? The man who says so lies!

"Don't mind what I say, partner: I'm not much on the gush, But this thing come down on me Like fours upon a flush, If that's your wife hold steady That bottle. Now my cont. She'll think me dead as you were My pipe. Thar. I'm affoat,

"Hot let me leave a message, No: tell her that I died. No, no; not that way, either, Just tell her that I cried. It don't rain much. Now, pardner, Be to her what I've been, Or, by the God that hates you You'll see me back again!

#### Select Story.

#### A REPAID DEBT.

BY J. W.

It was the dusk of evening, and night's shadows were quietly gathering in the little German village through whose outskirts two lovers strolled.

almost sunk to rest.

ed since the girl was fourteen. It was Hans had gone, and Marguerite was married.

She was an orphan, and her snug and even in the shadow her quick eye by day. discerned it.

forgot all else.

After a moment's silence, he obeyed strange, wonderful rival to the sweet- we'come. ness of their notes. The air was filled with the exquisite melody. It rang something white and fluttering fell to full, and clear, and sweet. It sank the ground. She stooped to pick it up. down to the violets, as they stirred to

blue eyes, but to-night it seemed filled plained: with something she had hever heard before, and her little hands were little love, what it cost us, yet I earned tightly interlaced, and her red lips it, Maguerite, on the very night of my parted in a sort of painful ecstacy.

But at the close, she was all unpre-

'Hans, what is is?' she cried, sinkraise his head upon her breast.

Was he weeping? She had never in all those years seen him thus moved. of emotion which swept over it.

Almost rudely, in his unconciousness to all but his own suffering, he re-

Conquering himself by a mighty effort he drew her to him with gentle

'Forgive me, dear,'? he said softly, but never ask me to sing again, Mar- Hans great. guerite. It only teaches me what I might have been, and what I am. Think what it would be if I had money to reach Italy! I could have the world great and famous! I know it-I feel to the young singer's eyes.

to sing again." The girl answered him nothing, as she stroked the hot brow with the little cool hand, which, all browned and hardened as it was, fell very soft, very

lovingly. In her eyes he was a king, this shepherd lad. Instinctively sheknew that silence is oftentimes more healing than speech; and, besides, a wonderful dazzling thought had crept into her busy

away Still, silently, they rose and walked silently home. At the door of her little cottage, he stopped and kissed her on the brow, as they stood beneath the

stars. In two more months he was to share her fate-the home left by her dead parents-so they both had thought scarce an hour agone. To-night Marguerite knew differently.

How much would it bring, the sale of this humble little shelter?

It was this problem which banished slumber through the long night hours. It was solved three days later, when the sum for its possession by strangers, lay in her hands, and, added to it, the nest-egg from the bank, made in the child's eyes a fortune.

What mattered it that she was beggared? It was for Hans' sake! It was now her turn to be silent, as, handin-hand they walked boneath the golden studded skies.

'Hans,' she said, at last, very softly, I have been ininking, dear, since the other night, and—and, Hans, we won't you soar to the birds where you be- dust of travel, burst impetuously into long. I don't want you to think of the room. me-I want you to go away, and study to be a great singer."

And as she spoke, she strove to thrust the bag within his grasp.

'Margnerite!'-she shrank from the sternness of his tone-how did you get the gold?" 'Honestly,' she answered proudly. The gold was to have been my dowry;

the notes-I-I sold the cottage for

those. You did this for me, and you think so meanly of me as that I would ac-

cept such a sacrifice?' His voice quivered as he spoke. 'Hans, I was to have been your wife,' she whispered. Who had the

right, if not 1? Oh, I shall be so proud -so proud, some day, when you come back for your little Marguerite, and I shall be the wife of the great singer! They will point at me and say, yes, he amongst her letters. married this little nobody, this little Marguerite, but they say he loves her; and they will think it strange that you all, to return to him, but bearing the should love me from your great height. But you won't forget to do that, Hans -ever, ever--will you, my love?"

'Never until my voice forgets its music! I must pray God to still it forever could my heart prove so false. They had left behind them the cot- Something within me, Marguerite, tages, and had wandered off among conquers myself. It is hope springing green fields and under the shade of within my breast. I will take your the trees, behind which the sun had money little one, a sacred debt. Wait for me two years, fraulien; then I will It was the old story, the story of return, to give you richest payment. their loving. They had been betroth- I swear it, and seal it with this kiss!

well-nigh five years now, and on her left alone. She lived now in one litnineteenth birthday they were to be tle room, high up many stairs--up which she toiled wearily.

At long distances apart, letters came. dowry, lying so safely nestled away in Oh, how eagerly Marguerite spelled the village bank, she had accumulated them out! She slept with them under by the labor of her own hands. But her pillow by night, and they sank and a shade was on her lover's face to-night, fell with every pulsation of her heart

Then there were weeks aye montus. 'Sing to me, Hans,' she wispered, when she heard nothing, and the child's knowing that in song Hans Werter figure grewthin and her cheeks grew

But one evening, when she had al her, and the sleepy birds woke in their most given up the hope--when the nests, and almost indignantly drew great dread lest Hans should be ill. their heads from beneath the soft shel- | dying or dead, remorselessly shadowed ter of their wings, to listen to this her pathway-the messenger smiled a

But at last, when she broke the seal, What did it mean? It was a little

the listening wind, and soared to the slip, with some figures in one corner. They represented the exact amount Poor little Marguerite! Hans' mu- she had given Hans. Bewildered, she sic always brought the moisture to her turned to the letter. Its words ex-

'I pay you my debt. Think, my debut. I have sung, and the people have listened. I looked about among pared to see him end the last note in all the faces-on all the young and a dry sob, then fling himself down beautiful woman with their eyes fixed on the sward and bury his face in his upon me-but nothing inspired me. Then I thought of you, and looking straight into space, I forgot them all, ing down beside him, and trying to darling. The flowers rained at my feet. Great ladies tore the roses from 'their breast; but I would have given them all, dearest, for one little, wild His powerful frame seemed shaken blossom your hand plucked. They to its innermost center by the torrent say I will be rich and famous. I can not tell-the world is fickle. The village banker will cash your order But you need not buy back the little home. pulsed her only the next moment to I am coming for you soon, to bring be filled with remorse.

I am coming for you soon, to bring you to a cage better worthy of my you to a cage better worthy of my mountain bird.'

Again and again Marguerite read and re-read the precious words. What cared she for money? It had made

'Going back to your native village -you, who have the whole world at your feet,' sighed one of Florence's at my feet, Marguerite-1 could be most famous beauties, as she looked in-

it. But I am chained here, tending Six months had passed since he had my herds and feeding my cattle, pow- paid his debt to Marguerite, and still erless to break the chain. I need so he lingered. He had spent thrice that amusement. The lightning plays, the much money-so much- and I have amount, since then, on a trinket to wind whistles, the thunder rolls, the so little. Though I sold all I had in clasp some fair lady's arm. Did he, snow flies, the waves leap, and the the world, it would not bring me to in holding it so lightly, forget that fields smile. Even the buds shoot and my journey's end. No, no! I must once it had been a girl's all? Why, the river runs. Yes, and the air fregive it up: but never—never ask me then, did the sigh the lady uttered find quently whistles.

a response in his own breast?

'It is duty which calls me.' ·Duty! she murmured. 'Are you sure it is not mistaken duty? All your life has changed, Herr Werter. fill its measure now?

The beauty's voice trembled. The cool softness of her flesh pressed tightly against his burning palm. And if I give her up, he saidbrain, and driven all lighter thoughts

what then? You will be mine? But the Yes' she uttered was hushed by the madness of his kisses.

And Marguerite watched and waited. He was coming; therefore he did not write.

It was the second anniversary of the day that was to have celebrated their wedding when the gossips burst into her room.

'Ha, ha!' they said. 'did we not tell you so?' pointing as they spoke to the paper, which announced the betrothal of Herr Werter and the greatest heauty of all Florence.

'Leave me,' ske said at last, when they looked to see what she would do. 'I wish to be alone.

But one of kinder heart, after some hours had passed, stole back into the darkened room. The child lay tossing in delirious

fever, and the physician, when called, shook his head. The strain had been too great, he

said. She must die. On the third day after, as the watchbe married vet awhile. A wife would ers sat about the bed, a step sounded only pull you down, instead of helping on the stairs. A man stained with the

> 'Marguerite!' he exclaimed-'Margnerite!' Then he stopped, and gathered the import of the scene before him. I did but falter! he cried, falling on his knees by her bedside. came back, my wild German daisy, to tell you so. Oh, Marguerite, is it thus

> I pay my debt? Then, as though the voice must penetrate the mists of lever, the blue eyes opened, a wonderful, estatic light in

> their depths. 'Hans,' she whispered - Hans, forgive me for the doubt which killed

> And with the word-a dagger thrust in his own remorseful heart-the spark of life flickered and went out! Marguerite was dead! She who had lived for him, died for him. They found the paper he had sent her

> Thus had he redeemed his debt! An empty slip of paper, worthless to interest of a broken heart.

#### DRUMMED TO THEIR DEATH.

Singular Slaughter of Rats Over in Newcastle-A Reporter's Deadly

[New Castle (Pa.) News.]

A most remarkable phenomenon was witnessed in the Second ward,

week, being no less than large numbers

said that rats could be brought out of originate upon the Atlantic itself; that their holes by the beating of drums, only fifty per cent. of the storms ob determined to try the experiment \_\_ served on the Atlantic arrive at Europe, So, procuring a number of these instru- and the telegraphic reports sent by the dozen dogs with a weakness for rat to Europe have only an imaginary flesh, they proceeded to a barn near value. Inorder to make meteorolog-Pearson's flowering-mill, in which structure were known to dwell many well fed rodents, who subsisted upon the contents of the grain bins near by. Stationing part of their number, with drums, in the hay mow of the stable, and the others at the doors with the dogs, everybody was eager for the fray. The drummers brought their sticks down on the taut calf skin, and soon the building shook to its very foundation with the deafening roll. Several boys had been stationed at various knot holes in the floor of the hay-mow, and these youths, peering down into the semi-darkness below, soon saw little twinkling eyes appear at certain apertures all around the apartment beneath. The drumming was continued, and sharp-pointed noses and then sleek bodies of rats came from the holes. Soon the rapid rolling of the drums seemed to excite the rodents to a point beyond self control. They began to caper and whisk around the stable floor as if intoxicated. They ran around the feed bins in wild chase after each other. So rapidly did they turn corners that their tails snapped with a report like that of a bull whacker's whip, and making the flour fly from their caudle appendages so as to fill the apartment with dust. Now was the time for action. The boys with the dogs were signaled, the doors were opened and the hungry canines let in on them. The unfortunate rats seemed to be under a spell and made no attempt to seek their holes. For five minutes slaughter reigned supreme and when it had subsided the floor was covered with the bodies of fortythree rats. Again were the drums called into requisition, and the same scene ensued again. This time thirtyeight rats bit the dust. The boys continued their operations with their drums and dogs all the afternoon, and when evening came there were piled up in front of the stable, mangled, cut and torn, the bodies of 479 rats; in

the mill had been totally exterminated. Everything in nature indulges in

## A Bit of Testimony in the Whittaker

New York Star's Report. Lester W. Cornish, a cadet, was called to testify. He said that his room was under that of Whittaker, and that If, in its early time you pledged it to was under that of Whittaker, and that some rustic maiden, think—could she on the night of the outrage his transom was open, but he heard no noise. Ordinarily he could have heard footsteps in the room above him. picked up a piece of a letter in Whittaker's handwriting, from the dust box. On his cross examination he was asked:

Did the cadets talk with Whittaker. ordinarily?

I never knew any one who spoke to him other than officially. In my case the reason was that I chose to select OFFICE on Washington street, in first building oct 21'80 my companions. There were others to whom I would not care to speak."

'Had you any particular objection?' Yes. Whittaker used something on his hair which was unpleasant to

Roars of laughter from the spectators followed, and both Whittaker and Professor Greener seemed highly amused.

'Another thing: I never saw him look anyone square in the face, and this was an objection. His color, also was an objection.' ·Was not the greatest objection his

color?' asked Governor Chamberlain. ·No, sir; I think his habits was the reason, and I would not have associated with a white cadet under the same circumstances.

Blowing up Stumps with Dynamite. The Indianapolis Journal of February 5, says: 'Ex-Sheriff John T. Pressly gave a novel entertainment at his farm, northwest of the city, vesterday, Mr. Pressly has one of the finest farms in Marion county, most of it under cultivation. In several fields, nowever, which had been lately cleared, were a number of large stumps, and after working at them for several weeks by ordinary methods he secured the services of 'Prof.' Jenney, of Lafayette. to blast the remaining stumps out with dynamite. After blowing out a number of them singly Mr. Pressly con-ceived the idea of blowing up all the stumps in a 40-acre clearing simultaneously, and this was the entertainment which the visitors witnessed yesterday afternoon. The field selected contains at least 40 acres, and not less than 40 huge stumps dotted its surface. Holes were drilled in the roots of these, on a level with the ground, into which cartridges were inserted and connected with a battery by means of wires The work of the explosion was entirely blown to atoms Pieces flew upward 200 or 300 feet and were picked up several hundred feet away.

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#### of these suggestions in the near future. Locusts in 1881.

stations by telegraph with the con-

meteorological institutions of Europe

will take steps to make a practical test

It is expected that the

tinents.

There are two breeds of periodical locusts, one appearing once in 17 years and the other once in 13 years. The earliest appearance of the 17-year locusts in this country, so far as the records go, was in 1634, at Plymouth, Mass., and they have not failed to appear once in 17 years ever since. Both breeds will appear this year, but not Humphrey's Drug Store. Laboratory in myll pear once in 17 years ever since. Both in the same localities. Professor Riley, the entomologist, says that the 17 year locusts will abound next June in Marquette and Green Lake counties, Wis.; in the neighborhood of Wheeling, West Va., and probably in Maryland Virginia, and the District of Columbia. They may also appear, he says, in the west part of North Carolina, in North eastern Ohio, Lancaster county. Penn., and Westchester county, N. Y. The Professor says that the 13 year brood will probably be seen in Southern Illinois, in all of Missouri except the northwest corner; in Louisiana. Arkansas, Indian Territory, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. The two kinds of locusts differ very little in appearance.

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